

“The right to vote is the most basic tenet of our democracy. We should be doing everything in our power to expand this right, not restrict it. Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act stands at the very core of protecting ballot access for minorities, the elderly, and young people who have been, and continue to be, historically disenfranchised and shortchanged by inequitable systems. Without this necessary protection, communities around the country will be disenfranchised and individual civil liberties will be eviscerated. Instead of road blocking citizenship rights, for which many have fought and died, it is my hope that the Court will stand up for those without a voice. This is, after all, the fundamental principle behind the Voting Rights Act.”